

MINUTES OF WORK MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017

Presiding: Mayor David D. Ogden
Meeting Convened at 6:30 p.m.
Prayer: Greg Venema
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor David D. Ogden; Clerk-Treasurer Wendy McLaughlin; Councilmen Joe Cherrington, Bruce King, and Greg Venema; City Public Works Director Zane Baler; Chairman Dave Thompson of the Planning and Zoning Commission; Citizens for the Rule of Law Representative Vaun Waddell; Citizens Jesse Brown and Harold Harris. Councilman Brent Barrus was excused.

SPECIAL WORK MEETING: The mayor called a special work meeting to discuss revisions to the new water project's scope of work and budget. The changes are needed for a new water line to the Moody Highway in order to supply water to businesses within Sugar City's impact area along Idaho Highway 33.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: The mayor asked the council to amend the agenda to include discussion on a proposed walkway grant application due December 1.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilman Cherrington and seconded by Councilman Venema to amend the agenda to add discussion and possible approval from the council of the walkway project; motion carried.

WALKWAY GRANT PROPOSAL: Planning and Zoning Chairman Dave Thompson presented to the council designs and plans for a proposed 10-mile walkway system in and around Sugar City. The project would have multiple phases and desirable features:

- 10-foot wide asphalt pathways
- Safe routes to school and other businesses
- Shared use
- ADA accessibility
- Educational points
- Workout stations
- Warming huts
- Landscaping and lighting.

The grant requires a 7.34% cash or in-kind match from the city and could fund up to \$250,000 for each phase. The school, businesses, and citizens have written letters of support.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilman King and seconded by Councilman Venema to authorize Planning and Zoning Chairman Dave Thompson to apply through the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) for federal grants to construct the proposed bike/pedestrian path through and around Sugar City, to authorize the mayor and Dave Thompson to draft a letter of support and modify the county's Transportation Plan to include the proposed walkway, and to provide the necessary matching funds; motion carried.

WATER PROJECT AND BUDGET REVISION: Mayor Ogden explained the importance of the proposed water line to the Moody Road for Sugar's growth and stability. Recent development interest within Sugar's southern impact area has prompted landowners to consider water and sewer accessibility. This summer, Rexburg installed a water line just across the Moody Road next to Sugar City's impact area, which has tempted developers to seek water from Rexburg. Sugar City is interested in keeping its impact area intact and in providing utilities for future development.

The proposed waterline project would become a part of the new water system bond. The cost increase would be offset by the city forgoing its proposed secondary water system for now and possibly looking at grants to construct the system in the future.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilman Cherrington and seconded by Councilman Venema to move forward, assuming assurance from property owners that they are willing to obtain their water from Sugar City: motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Signed: _____
David D. Ogden, Mayor

Attested: _____
Wendy McLaughlin, Clerk-Treasurer